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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Dear Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed February 18, 2004 advises that the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 7, 2003 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1) in that it had no listing of the information submitted for consideration. There was no Information Disclosure Statement filed November 7, 2003. Actually, it appears the Examiner is referring to a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted for filing on June 19, 2003, and then subsequently included as an attachment to Applicants' Request for Refund mailed to Mail Stop 16 on October 23, 2003, not as a submission in and of itself. A copy of the Request for Refund mailed October 23, 2003, which lists the documents attached thereto, is enclosed for clarification.

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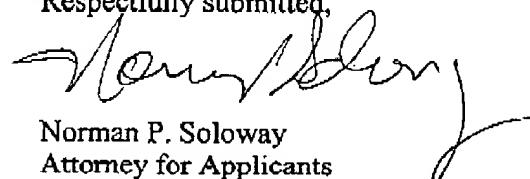
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Moreover, the Examiner signed (on September 16, 2003) and returned a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated June 19, 2003 (copy enclosed).

In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, Applicants respectfully submit that the supporting documents attached to the Request for Refund mailed October 23, 2003 were mistakenly viewed by the Examiner as being independent of the Request for Refund, and that the Examiner has considered and initialed all Form PTO-1449s submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed to date in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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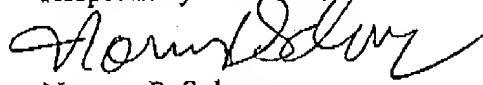
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A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the Patent Office, together with a Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) on June 19, 2003, disclosing a Japanese Office Action dated March 19, 2003 (see attached copies of the Supplemental IDS, Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), Japanese Office Action and stamped postcard). Thus, the IDS was timely filed, and no fee was necessary.

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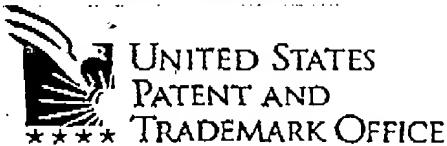
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